

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Unemployment Rates Increase in All Metro Areas

*First time in six years unemployment rate up in every county*

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	April 2016	April 2015	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.4%	3.9%	1.5
Carbondale-Marion	6.3%	5.0%	1.3
Champaign-Urbana	5.3%	4.2%	1.1
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	6.3%	5.7%	0.6
Danville	7.5%	6.0%	1.5
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.8%	5.0%	0.8
Decatur	7.1%	5.9%	1.2
Elgin	5.8%	4.9%	0.9
Kankakee	6.8%	5.9%	0.9
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.4%	4.7%	0.7
Peoria	6.9%	5.3%	1.6
Rockford	6.9%	6.0%	0.9
Springfield	5.1%	4.4%	0.7
St. Louis (IL-Section)	6.1%	5.1%	1.0
Illinois Statewide	6.2%	5.4%	0.8

\* Data subject to revision.

**CHICAGO**—All metropolitan areas in Illinois experienced over-the-year unemployment rate increases for the third consecutive month, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

“Illinois is tied for the highest unemployment rate in the nation, even though in prior months, some areas have experienced relatively low unemployment rates,” said IDES Director Jeff Mays. “This is the first time since January 2010 that every county has had over-the-year increases in their unemployment rate. This is significant in helping to determine true economic conditions across all regions of the state.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in eight metros, in which the largest increases were seen in: Lake-Kenosha (+3.1 percent, +12,200), Rockford (+2.2 percent, +3,300), and Springfield (+1.5, +1,700). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+1.5 percent or +55,000). Illinois businesses lost jobs in six metro areas including Bloomington (-2.7 percent, -2,600), Carbondale-Marion (-1.7

percent, -1,000), and the Quad Cities (-1.6 percent, -2,900). The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metros were: Education and Health Services (11 of 14), Retail Trade (10 of 14), Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (eight of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (eight of 14), Other Services (eight of 14), and Government (eight of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares April 2016 with April 2015. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 6.2 percent in April 2016 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in April 2016 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work, and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

### Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – April 2016

Metropolitan Area	April 2016*	April 2015**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	94,300	96,900	-2,600
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,000	59,000	-1,000
Champaign-Urbana MSA	111,700	110,800	900
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,677,800	3,622,800	55,000
Danville MSA	29,600	29,400	200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	180,600	183,500	-2,900
Decatur MSA	50,700	51,200	-500
Elgin Metro Division	258,100	254,900	3,200
Kankakee MSA	44,800	44,900	-100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	411,700	399,500	12,200
Peoria MSA	177,300	178,500	-1,200
Rockford MSA	154,000	150,700	3,300
Springfield MSA	114,400	112,700	1,700
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	237,600	236,100	1,500
Illinois Statewide	5,992,200	5,935,400	56,800

\*Preliminary \*\*Revised

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates  
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

	<b>April 2016</b>	<b>April 2015</b>	<b>Over-the- year Change</b>
<b>IL Section of St. Louis</b>	6.1%	5.1%	+1.0%
Bond	5.1%	4.5%	+0.6%
Calhoun	6.0%	5.8%	+0.2%
Clinton	4.7%	3.7%	+1.0%
Jersey	6.2%	5.4%	+0.8%
Macoupin	6.3%	5.3%	+1.0%
Madison	6.3%	5.1%	+1.2%
Monroe	4.3%	3.7%	+0.6%
St. Clair	6.3%	5.6%	+0.7%
<b>Cities:</b>			
Alton	7.4%	7.5%	-0.1%
Belleville	6.4%	5.4%	+1.0%
Collinsville	5.9%	5.1%	+0.8%
East St. Louis	10.8%	10.3%	+0.5%
Edwardsville	4.7%	3.6%	+1.1%
Granite City	9.6%	6.5%	+3.1 %
O'Fallon	4.8%	4.6%	+0.2%
<b>Counties:</b>			
Greene	6.2%	5.1%	+1.1%
Randolph	5.2%	4.5%	+0.7%
Washington	3.9%	3.4%	+0.5%
<b>Other Areas:</b>			
LWA 21	6.2%	5.2%	+1.0%
LWA 22	6.2%	5.1%	+1.1%
LWA 24	5.7%	5.0%	+0.7%
Southwestern Economic Development Region	6.0%	5.1%	+0.9%

## Metro East Highlights

### Help Wanted

Area employers advertised for 6,100 openings in April and approximately 84 percent sought full-time employment, according to Help Wanted OnLine data compiled by the Conference Board. It is a global, independent business membership and research association. Employers actually need more workers than the help wanted ad indicates because some industries, such as construction, typically do not advertise job openings.

The April 2016 unemployment rate for the Illinois Section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area was 6.1 percent, an increase of (+1.0) from the April 2015 rate of 5.1 percent. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The number of employed individuals increased by 4,087 in April 2016 from 326,391 in April 2015. The labor force increased by 7,750 to 347,510 in April 2016 from 339,760 in April 2015. In April 2016, there were 21,119 unemployed people in the labor force. This is an increase of 3,663, compared to the April 2015 total unemployed level of 17,456.

Over the year, nonfarm payrolls increased by (+1,500). Employment increased in Retail Trade (+1,000), Professional and Business Services (+600), Educational and Health Services (+500), Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (+400), Leisure and Hospitality (+300), Other Services (+100), Wholesale Trade (+100), and Information (+100).

Manufacturing (-1,300), Government (-200) and Financial Activities (-100) posted job losses while Mining and Construction showed no change.

### Note:

- Monthly 2015 unemployment rates and total non-farm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2016, as required by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.
- LWA— Local Workforce Area 21 is composed of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Morgan, Scott and Shelby Counties.  
LWA— Local Workforce Area 22 is composed of Bond and Madison Counties.  
LWA— Local Workforce Area 24 is composed of Clinton, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington Counties.

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